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1. ODE - 6011 arrived at [] on 7 March at 2015.

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2. Photography is of excellent quality except for scattered clouds and haze from exposure No. 1 through exposure 30 and heavy cloud cover at the end of the mission from about exposure 650 on. Complete malfunction of tracker.

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SUMMARY:

[6011 provided a wealth of information concerning an important section of the Soviet Far East. Major items of intelligence included the following: excellent coverage of such urban areas as SOVETSKAYA GAVAN, KOMSOMOLSK, SVOBODNYI, KUYBYSHEVKA, and KHABAROVSK; confirmation of a railroad following the AMUR River NE from KOMSOMOLSK; a large unidentified secure installation similar in several respects to MOZHAYSK and VALDAY; numerous electronic installations including three KRUG'S near KHABAROVSK; and KOMSOMOLSK SHIPYARD 199. Fifteen major airfields were covered including two new fields. Total aircraft count on these fields included 166 Bombers, 242 Fighters, 183 Transports, 13 Helicopters, 42 Gliders, and 83 Liaison planes. Some additional seventeen smaller fields were seen with a plane count of 4 Bombers, 2 Transports, 6 Helicopters, and 5 Liaison.] This report covers only the highlights of the mission with much exploitation remaining to be accomplished.

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1. SOVETSKAYA GAVAN AREA

48°58'N - 140°18'E

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The city of SOVETSKAYA GAVAN and the surrounding area partially obscured by haze.

a. The NAVAL facilities were on the extreme limits of oblique photography. Identification by type of some of the vessels present is possible from preliminary photographs without rectification including 3 Submarines confirmed, 2 possible Submarines, 3 Destroyers, 1 possible Destroyer, 1 Cruiser, approximately 47 Motor Torpedo Boats, and other miscellaneous craft.

b. Sovetskaya Gavan New Construction

48°47'N - 140°17'E

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To the southwest of Shipyard No. 263 is a new heavily built-up area, consisting of a new motor torpedo boat pier (24 MTB's) and support facilities, and major warehouse facility and POL storage.

c. ALEKSEYEVSKOYE AIRFIELD

49°15'N - 140°14'E

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One concrete runway, E/W, 8000 by 250 feet, cleared of snow.

What appears to be special weapons storage and handling installation located on north side of field. Aircraft observed: 25 BADGER, 14 BEAGLE, 2 BULL, and 2 U/I.

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d. VANINO AIRFIELD

49°02'N - 140°15'E

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One surfaced runway, NNW/SSE, 6000 by 200 feet, cleared of snow.

Aircraft observed: 71 probable FRESCO.

e. SOVETSKAYA GAVAN AIRFIELD

48°59'N - 140°20'E

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Snow-covered sod landing area some 4000 feet in length. Aircraft observed: 13 probable CAB.

2. RAILROAD RUNNING NE FROM KOMSOMOLSK



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A railroad is operational NE from KOMSOMOLSK as far North as 51°00'N - 138°00'E. The rail line was observed following the East bank of the AMUR RIVER as far north as the vicinity of NIZHNE-TAMBOVSKOYE.

3. KOMSOMOLSK AREA

50°33'N - 136°59'E

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The city of KOMSOMOLSK and surrounding area is covered by photography of excellent quality.

a. KOMSOMOLSK AIRFIELD

50°36'N - 137°04'E

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One concrete runway, N/S, 6500 by 200 feet, cleared of snow.

Airframe plants 126 and 130 are adjacent to this field. Aircraft observed:

98 FRESCO, 1 CAB, 1 probable CORK, 1 probable MAX, 1 U/I.

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b. KOMSOMOLSK SOUTH AIRFIELD

50°25'N - 136°56'E

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Two blacktop runways, one NNW/SSE, 8000 by 325 feet, and one NNE/SSW, 3500 by 325 feet, both cleared of snow. Aircraft observed: 6 FLASHLIGHT, 29 probable FRESCO, 1 U/I.

c. KOMSOMOLSK SHIPYARD 199

50°33'N - 137°02'E

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The shipyard and outfitting basins are icebound. No submarines are evident in the area. A third set of covered building ways has been completed making a total of 9 covered ways, ranging from 400 to 700 feet long. Many miscellaneous craft are icebound in the shipyard basins.

4. STRATEGIC STORAGE COMPLEX NEAR OMNI

50°06'N - 136°30'E, 33 nm SW of KOMSOMOLSK

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A large rail-served storage and industrial-type installation, together with two probable strategic storage sites, is located approximately 33 nautical miles SW of KOMSOMOLSK.

The industrial-type installation (50°06'N - 136°30'E) encompasses 1.5 square nautical miles and contains a storage section and a rail transloading or operational section. The latter area consists of several heavily-revetted buildings, transloading points, and other U/I buildings. It is probable that the area handles explosive or toxic material of some type.

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A major stockpile-type storage facility is located approximately 3 nm to the NW (50°08'N - 136°27'E). The area is heavily secured and contains 135 revetted bomb and ammunition - type storage buildings (130' x 70').

A second large secured storage facility is located 5.5 n.m. miles SSW of the industrial - type installation (50°00'N - 136°28'E). It contains at least 15 large conventional-type storage buildings and several smaller structures.

5. KOMSOMOLSK ELECTRONICS INSTALLATION

50°39'N - 136°55'E 10 nm NW of KOMSOMOLSK

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At least three separate antenna systems of different types each with cooling ponds. Each area is fenced and has adjacent administration and housing facilities.

One is a group of 13 lattice towers, roughly V-shaped in layout. Another consists of 7 cable scars fanning out to 7 pairs of lattice towers. The third consists of 2 tall stick masts. Between this installation and the city of Komsomolsk is a group of high-frequency rhombic arrays.

6. SREDNE BELOYE

50°41'N - 128°01'E

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Compacted gravel landing, oriented N/S, some 4000 feet in length and 300 feet wide. Aircraft observed: 1 probable FRESCO, 38 probable CAB, 1 probable COLT.

7. POZDEYEVKA AIRFIELD

50°35'N - 128°53'E

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Two compacted gravel runways, NW/SE 4000 by 1200 feet, cleared

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of snow. This appears to be an active training field. Aircraft observed: 1 CAB,
67 unidentified (probably MOOSE).

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9. UKRAINA AIRFIELD

51°07'N - 128°27'E

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One concrete runway, NW/SE, 12,000 by 280 feet, with three crossovers connecting to a parallel taxiway, cleared of snow. A Special Weapons Storage Area is under construction approximately 4 nm NE of UKRAINA Airfield. It is an isolated area and is served by a well-paved road which originates at the south end of the Airfield. In general, the area is similar to the outer-type Special Weapons Storage Areas located at BOBRUYSK and ORSHA in the Western U.S.S.R. and has at least one major building that is identical to the type found in other Soviet Special Weapons Sites. Aircraft observed: 19 BADGER, 6 BULL, 1 CAB.

13 BADGER, 6 BULL

10. KUYBYSHEVKA VOSTOCHNAYA AIRFIELD

50°54'N - 128°28'E

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Two probable blacktop runways, one NW/SE, 4000 by 300 feet, the other NNW/SSE, 3500 by 200 feet. Numerous barracks and military areas, together with at least 42 MARE gliders and 46 transports indicate a major concentration of military airborne units in the area. Several major military and strategic-type storage areas are scattered throughout the complex.

11. VOZZHAYEVKA NORTHEAST AIRFIELD

50°45'N - 128°46'E (NEW AIRFIELD)

One concrete runway, N/S, 7000 by 170 feet, cleared of snow. Nearby is an active bombing range. Aircraft observed: 29 BULL, 1 probable COLT.

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12. KHABAROVSK AREA

48°30'N - 135°06'E

The KHABAROVSK AREA is covered by excellent photography, however, heavy cloud cover begins on the southern outskirts of the city and continues to the end of the mission.

a. KHABAROVSK NE NO. 2 AIRFIELD

48°31'N - 135°10'E

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One concrete runway, NE/SW, 8500 by 200 feet, cleared of snow.

Aircraft observed: 13 CAB, 25 COACH-CRATE.

b. SERGEYEVKA SOUTH AIRFIELD

48°24'N - 135°25'E

(NEW AIRFIELD)

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One blacktop runway, NNE/SSW, 5500 by 200 feet, partially cleared of snow. The old SERGEYEVKA EAST field shown on the target chart has been abandoned. Aircraft observed: 35 possible FRESCO, 1 CREEK.

c. KHABAROVSK NE NO. 1

48°32'N - 135°10'E

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Sod landing area oriented NE/SW some 4600 by 800 feet. Aircraft observed: 10 probable BUCK, 5 COLT, 14 U/I single engine, 5 HARE, 2 HOUND.

d. KHABAROVSK AIRFIELD

48°28'N - 135°09'E

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Two concrete runways, one NE/SW, 6100 by 300 feet, the other NE/SW, 4500 by 240 feet, cleared of snow. Aircraft observed: 10 BEAGLE, 51 probable FRESCO, 8 CAB, 5 COACH-CRATE.

e. NEKRASOVKA AIRFIELD

42°24'N - 135°14'E [REDACTED]

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Sod landing area oriented N/S measuring some 4500 by 200 feet.

Aircraft observed: 15 CAB, 3 COLT, 3 COACH.

f. SHIPYARDS

Shipyards covered included ARTOZATON Ship Repair Yard, Naval Shipyard ZAVOD NO. 88, and PORKHAVA Wharf Area. All vessels are ice bound and include miscellaneous craft e.g. river boats, and 24 MTB.

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